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## JULY REPORT

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# STRAWBERRIES

✻ FOR 1893. ✻

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Strawberries the past season were more than an average crop both in quantity and quality; the season unusually long, fully six weeks.

### SELECT VARIETIES.

In 1892 I gave a full report of all well tested varieties. So large a proportion of them are comparatively worthless for market purposes, that I shall not repeat descriptions. The following list proved the best this season: Barton's Eclipse, Beder Wood, Beverly, Bomba, Bubach, Crescent, Haverland, Martha, Parker Earle, Sandoval, Warfield, Williams and Wilson. Pearl and Sharpless are not up to my standard for productiveness. Boynton proved to be the Crescent. Eureka was quite productive, but the berries are soft and light colored. In order named Beder Wood, Warfield, Crescent and Haverland were the earliest, Beverly and Parker Earle the latest. The most profitable Beverly, Warfield and Crescent. The most productive Warfield, Beverly, Crescent and Haverland. Largest in size Buback, Beverly and Barton's Eclipse.

## VARIETIES TESTED ONE YEAR.

Pistillate varieties are marked P. Those most desirable are in heavy type.

Alabama.—Not productive.

Anna Forrest.—Worthless.

Auburn, P.—Fine plant and berry but not productive.

× Beaver's Seedling.—Tender, a failure.

Beebe.—Worthless.

Belle of La Cross, P.—Not productive.

California.—Worthless.

Clark's Early and Early Idaho.—Apparently alike and a failure here.

Dayton.—All right if it would bear plenty of berries.

Dew.—Fruit large, coarse and very scarce.

Draper's Seedling.—So near like the Charles Downing in plant and fruit, that no one could distinguish them.

**ENHANCE.**—Light scarlet, very large, poor shape, light colored, fair quality, productive, vigorous plant.

E. P. Roe.—No apparent reason for its introduction.

Eva.—Worthless.

Felton.—Not productive.

**GEN. PUTNAM, P.**—Light scarlet, round, large, soft, best quality and productive. Vigorous plant, a good home variety.

Great Pacific, P.—I have no use for it.

Gypsy, P.—Good but too small.

Iowa Beauty.—Fine berry but scarce.

Katie, P. Fair size, good quality and productive.

Lady Rusk, P.—Worthless.

**LEADER.**—Bright scarlet, large, firm and best quality. Early. Not so productive as I anticipated. It is succeeding well in other localities and promises to be a standard variety.

**LOVETT'S EARLY.**—One of the best. Fruit averages large, good shape, color, and quality. Productive and firm enough to ship well. Perfect plant.

**MASS. EXPERIMENT STATION SEEDLING, NO. 24.**—Dark red, very large, good shape, not very firm, best flavor and very productive. Plant not vigorous but healthy. Makes plants freely. First-class home variety.

Mrs. Cleveland, P.—Good but not productive enough.

Muskingum, Oregon Everbearing, Phillip's Seedling, and Princess, P.—All have good qualities, but lack productiveness.

Sadie, P.—Good berry and bears well but too small.

Shaw.—Not productive.

Shuster's Gem, P.—Fruit, color and shape of Haverland, smaller, softer, poorer quality and more productive. Berries lie on the ground. Productiveness the only merit.

Standard.—Scarlet, conical, firm and best quality. Productive. Weak plant.

**SWINDLE, P.**—Dark red, obtuse conical, large, very firm, good quality, an acid berry, good for the table and canning, very productive. Plant vigorous with a little rust. Season latest of all. Profitable market variety.

**THOMPSON'S NO. 51, NAMED BELLE.**—Bright scarlet, very large, form long and round, largest specimens somewhat flattened, good quality, productive. Perfect plant. Promising.

× Van Deman.—A disappointment. First berries fair size, fine form and color, good quality. Later berries failed to ripen.

× Westbrook, P.—Worthless.

Lovett's and Swindle are the only varieties in this list that I would be willing to set in quantity for market. Others are promising and have merit enough to warrant further trial.

## NEWER VARIETIES.

Out of a long list of novelties and newer varieties, I selected and set last spring the following: the list also includes a few sent me for trial before introduction; most promising in heavy type: × Accomack, America, **AROMA**, × Beauty, P., × Bessie, P., × **BRANDYWINE**, × Brigg's Seedling, × **CHARLIE**, P., × Crawford's No. 51, × **CYCLONE**, × Edward's Favorite, × **GLEN MARY**, P., × **GREENVILLE**, P., × **JUDSONIA**, × Jay Gould, P., × Klickita, P., × **MARSHALL**, × Meek's Early, × Mount Holyoke, × **NEHRING'S GEM**, P., × Norther, P., × Ona, P., × Orange County, P., × Otsego, P., × **PRINCETON CHIEF**, P., × Regina, P., × Southard, Sterling, P., × Shuckless, **THOMPSON'S NO. 64**, **TIMBRELL**, P., × **WENTZELL**, and **WESTON**, P.

Of the varieties not yet for sale Brandywine and Brigg's Seedling appear to be ahead. Judging from the fruit of spring set plants the Brandywine has not shown a weak point. It promises to be a superior market berry for fancy trade. Its size, color, form, firmness and quality are all right. It indicates great productiveness. Plant thrifty and free from rust or blight. It appears to be a decided improvement. Brigg's is a seedling of the Charles Downing and of great promise. The price of the Marshall last spring, and this fall, by the originator is ten dollars per dozen. A fine show berry of largest size—a prize winner. Cyclone, Judsonia, Nehring's Gem, Princeton Chief, Timbrell, and Weston all very vigorous plants and have a good record for productiveness. Greenville here shows a curled leaf, which with me, is a serious fault.

With few exceptions fall settings of plants are not successful for fruiting freely next season. For this reason I do not solicit or prepare for any fall trade of plants and issue no price list. Last spring customers and all that write for it will receive my price list for 1894.

